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Whereas, as the 2007-2008 school year draws to a close, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to applaud the career achievements of those individuals who are retiring from the field of education; and

Whereas, the Scott City R-I School District is losing a valuable member of its faculty on May 21, 2008, with the retirement of John Helderman who has devoted several years of his life to the education of this state's young citizens through tireless endeavors as an educator; and

Whereas, John Helderman has taught high school social studies for twenty-four years at Scott City R-I, where he is held in high esteem as an educator who demonstrates considerable competence and remarkable degrees of compassion and understanding; and

Whereas, deeply committed to the great cause of learning, John Helderman has touched the lives of countless youngsters by helping them form a solid educational foundation upon which to build in the future; and

Whereas, John Helderman has watched his pupils grow, develop, and mature through the knowledge he has imparted to them both as a teacher and as a friend; and

Whereas, John Helderman, who earned a Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree at Southeast Missouri State University, has supported his profession as a member of Chi Alpha Club, the Baptist Student Union, the International Student Friendship Club, where he serves as a Student Advisor, Phi Alpha Theta, and the History Honor Society; and

Whereas, John Helderman has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include his mother, Mildred Helderman; his siblings and their spouses, Joyce Helderman, J.D. and Carolyn Helderman, JoAnn and Ron Nance, Mary Beth and Aaron Frank Helderman, Jr., Janelle and Mike McCrite, Mary and Johnnie Livingston, and Jeff and Tina Helderman; and several nieces and nephews:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join the Scott City R-I School District in expressing appreciation for the unparalleled service that John Helderman has rendered to Missouri's children and in wishing him the long, fruitful, and enjoyable retirement that he so justly deserves; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for John Helderman, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by	
	Representative Steve Hodges
	District No. 161

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2375, adopted April 29, 2008.